was on run between Murarai and Chatra Stations of Eastern Railway, 5 coaches of the train derailed over bridge No. 201. Of the derailed coaches, 2 capsized and toppled down the bridge.

The Commissioner of Railway Safety, Eastern Circle who conducted the statutory enquiry into this accident, has come to the conclusion that the accident was caused due to the snapping of safety bracket of a coach, its falling on the track and forming an obstruction in the passage of this train. The machinery to check the condition of safety brackets has to be tightened. The Commissioner has also recommended renewal of unserviceable sleepers on this bridge.

Operation Black Board in Rajasthan

1126. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the programme of Operation Black board has been implemented in the State of Rajasthan ?

(b) if so what is the number of schools in rural areas of Rajasthan where the above programme has since been implemented; and

(c) whether the target announced has since been completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) As per available information, the State Government of Rajasthan has selected 47 blocks (Panchayat Samitis) in rural areas and 134 towns having the population of less than 25,000 and 20 percent wards of cities having more than 25,000 population for implementation of the scheme of Operation Black Board during 1987-88 The total number of schools in these selected blocks will be 6575 These schools will be provided minimum essential facilities as envisaged in the scheme and the amount of Central assistance due will be released in terms of the scheme. It is proposed to cover other 30% CD Blocks/Municipal Areas in 1988-89 and 50% in 1989-90.

STD Facilities in Rajasthan

1127. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made for introducing STD facilities between various district headquarters of Rajasthan and the State Capital and also with Delhi; and

(b) by when work regarding provisions of STD facilities for all the districts of Rajasthan is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) 10 district headquarters have already been linked with the State Capital Jaipur and Delhi for STD facilities through Trunk Automatic Exchange Network.

(b) It has been planned to provide STD facilities to all the district headquarters of Rajasthan by the end of this Plan.

Number of Telephone Exchanges in Rajasthan

1128. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of telephone exchanges working at present in the State of Rajasthan, district-wise;

(b) the proposal, if any, to set up more telephone exchanges in the State, alongwith the names of the places; and

(c) the amount earmarked for the new telephone exchanges in the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) In Rajasthan, there are 27 district having 683 telephone exchanges as on 31-10-1987 The number of telephone exchanges district-wise is given in statement-I (*See* below).

(b) Yes, Sir 53 now telephone exchanges were planned to be set up during the year 1987-88 subject to availability of

material and other resources. The list of which is given in statement-II (*See* below). Out of 53, 8 have already been set up.

(c) About Rs. 2 crores are earmarked for these exchanges.

Statement—I

Number of Telephone Exchanges District-wise in Rajasthan as on 31-10-1987.

Sl. No.	Name of the District	No. of Telephone Exchanges
1	2	3
1.	Ajmer	25
2.	Alwar	42
3.	Banswara	12
4.	Barmer	19
5.	Bharatpur	15
6.	Bhilwara	20
7.	Bikaner	13
8.	Bundi	8
9.	Chittorgarh	21
10.	Churu	19
11.	Dholpur	7
12.	Dungarpur	11
13.	Jaipur	67
14.	Jaisalmer	4
15.	Jalore	29
16.	Jhalawar	10
17.	Jhunjhunu	22
18.	Jodhpur	31
19.	Kota	21
20.	Nagaur	37
21.	Pali	64
22.	Sikar	19
23	Sirohi	21
24.	Sriganganagar	44
25.	Sawaimadhopur	24
26	Tonk	16
27.	Udaipur	62
	Total	683

Statement—II

Details of New Telephone Exchanges District-wise in Rajasthan Proposed in 1987-88

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Name of Telephone Exchange
1	2	3
1.	Ajmer	Salemabad*
		Kaikhedi
		Bhadoon
		Banderseendri
		Babaycha*
		Saradhana
		Ramsar*
		Phamoata
		Kandal
		Gagwana
2	Alwar	Kathumar*
		Tatarpur*
		Bibirani
		Garhisawairam
3.	Banswara	Barodiya
		Ramsar
		Majal
		Kalyanpur*

1	2	3
4.	Bhilwara	Roopahali
5.	Bikaner	Panchoo Jhajhu Garlala Girrajsar Pajju
6.	Bundi	Dei
7.	Churu	Sadoobari
8.	Jaipur	Khejroli
9.	Jalore	Bagodi Mengalwa
10.	Jodhpur	Basni
11.	Kota	Sheeswali
12.	Nagaur	Toshina Nokhachandawatan Dugstan Mithri Bosroli
13.	Sikkar	Koodan
14.	Pali	Dooli babuji* Nowi Babre* Dooli Kalan Basnidabwaiyan Doolipuwa
15.	Sriganganagar	Sadusi Rajiasar RD-365
16.	Udaipur	Bhanpur Dewla Bambora Rema Ghasa Kheroda Kum Udaipur

(Total Number 53)

*Commissioned

Devdasi system in Maharashtra and Southern States

1129. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Statesman of the 19th October, 1987 wherein it has been stated that Devdasi system continues and figures keeping mounting in Maharashtra and some Southern States of the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to remove this evil from the society ?